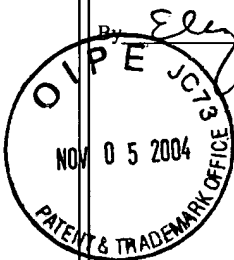


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) REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME
(37 CFR 1.136(a))

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Commissioner:

The applicant respectfully requests an extension of time of one month to respond to the Office Action mailed July 27, 2004. An appropriate response in the form of an amendment is enclosed herewith.

Form PTO-2038 authorizing credit card payment of the fee of \$110 is enclosed.

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